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AMENDMENT B

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2005, which was designated as being final.

A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this Amendment. An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including January 14, 2006 (which falls on a Saturday) is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this amendment.

Please amend the application as follows.